

**CONVERSATION WITH
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"That nt»\vr leaves me a moment's rest. If he finds I have live minuk'8 to myself in the coin-Be of the morning lie in sure to st»nd for mu." He then put on his coat and returned to the Emperor, Haying, "Another time you shall hear what I have to tell you."

From that time I did not see Duroc until the month, of January, IKL'l He was constantly absent from Paris, and did not return until the end of 1812. He was much affected at the result of the campaign, but his confidence in Napoleon's genius kept up his spirits. I turned the conversation from thin suhjeet and reminded him of his promise to tell me what had passed between the, Kmperor and himself relative to me. "You shall hear," said he. "The Emperor and I had been playing at billiards, and, between ourselves, he plays very badly. He in nothing at a game that depends on skill. While negligently rolling his balls about he muttered these words: * Do you ever see Kourrienne now ?' — ⁱ Yes, Sire, he NoinetitaeH dines with me on diplomatic reception-days, and he looks HO droll in his old-fashioned court-dress, of Lyons manufacture, that you would laugh if you saw him.' — 'What does he say respecting the new regulation for the court-dresses?' ~ * I. wmiVss he says it in very ridiculous; that it will have no other result; than to enable the Lyons manufacturers to get rid of their old-fashioned goods; that forced innovations on tlin customs of a nation ure never successful.' — 'Oh, that in always the way with Bourriemie; he is never pleased with unyUnng.¹—'Certainly, Hire, he is apt to grumble; but he what In* thinks.* —*Do you know, Duroc, he served me very well at Hamburg. He raised a good deal of money for nits He is a man who understands business. I will not leave him unemployed. Time must hang heavily on his hands. I will ww what I win do for him. He has many enemies.' — •And who hag not. Hire?'—* Many complaints against him ware trmmmitted to me from Hamburg, but the letter which he wrote to me in his justification opened my eyes, and I begin to think that Savary had good motives for defending him. Kndoavora are made to

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Hiiiall nevertheless do so at last* I
remember that